

# **Recommended Stormwater Program & Service Charge Presentation**

November 27, 2012



## Agenda

- Program Purpose
- Identified program needs
- Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) and proposed billing structure
- Proposed Service Charge rate and billing examples
- Capital Projects
- Proposed Schedule for implementation



## Purpose of Proposed Program

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  - Improve quality of service
  - Improve water quality in waterways
  - Comply with state and federal requirements  
(Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit)
- Program Components
  - Proposed stormwater capital improvement projects
  - Ongoing infrastructure operations and maintenance and regulatory compliance



## Identified Program Needs

- Approximately \$14 million capital project needs
- Annual city-wide project costs of \$150,000
- Ongoing operations costs of approximately \$375,000 annually



## Equivalent Residential Unit

- **ERU**: Average impervious area on a residential property and equals 3,200 square feet
- Based on sample residential parcel measurements
- ERU establishes a base billing unit



## Proposed Billing Structure

- Monthly assessment based on Impervious Surface Area (ISA)
- Residential property billed one ERU
- Non-residential property billed per total measured ISA

*Example:* Total measured ISA/3,200 = #ERUs

#ERUs \* Rate = Bill amount



## Proposed Stormwater Service Charge

- The utility proposes a service charge rate of \$8.00 per ERU per month
- Residential property = 1 ERU(\$8.00)/month



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- Residential property impervious surface area

1 ERU = \$8.00/month





## Proposed Stormwater Service Charge

- Non-Residential property bill based on total measured impervious area
- Non-Residential property = (Measured ISA/3,200\*) X \$8.00/month

\*ERU = 3,200 sq. ft. ISA



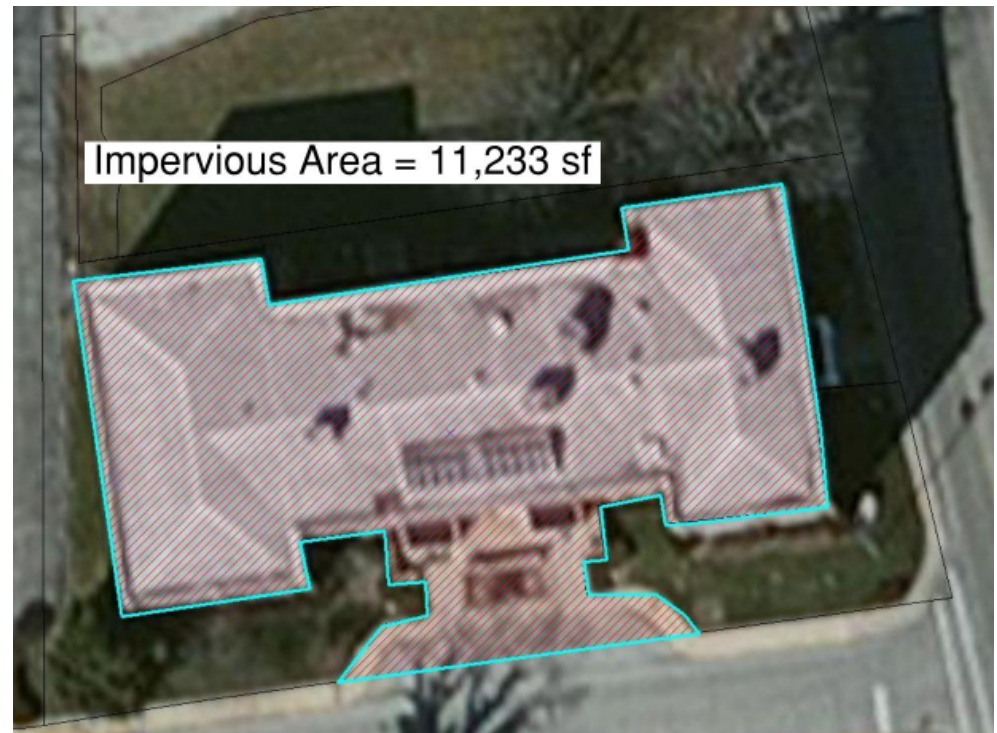
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- Non-Residential property impervious surface area

$$11,233 / 3,200 = 4$$

$$4 \text{ ERUs} \times \$8.00 = \$32/\text{month}$$



- Bigger Picture

- Approximately 29,400,000 sq ft of non – residential ISA exists in the system today
- Non-Residential ISA equates to approximately 9,200 ERUs
- Residential parcels include approximately 4,700 ERUs
- Estimated total ERUs in the system 13,900 ERUs



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## Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
"The Island" Green Infrastructure	\$2,400,000
Downtown/Waterfront Drainage Improvements	\$500,000
Happy Hollow Park Erosion Control	\$4,600,000
Blackbird Pond Stormwater Improvements	\$800,000
Plaza Parks/Cumberland Park Drainage Improvements	\$2,800,000
University Farms Drainage Improvements	\$1,200,000
Celery Bog Nature Center Drainage Improvements	\$1,000,000
Annual City Wide Project Costs (\$/Year)	\$150,000



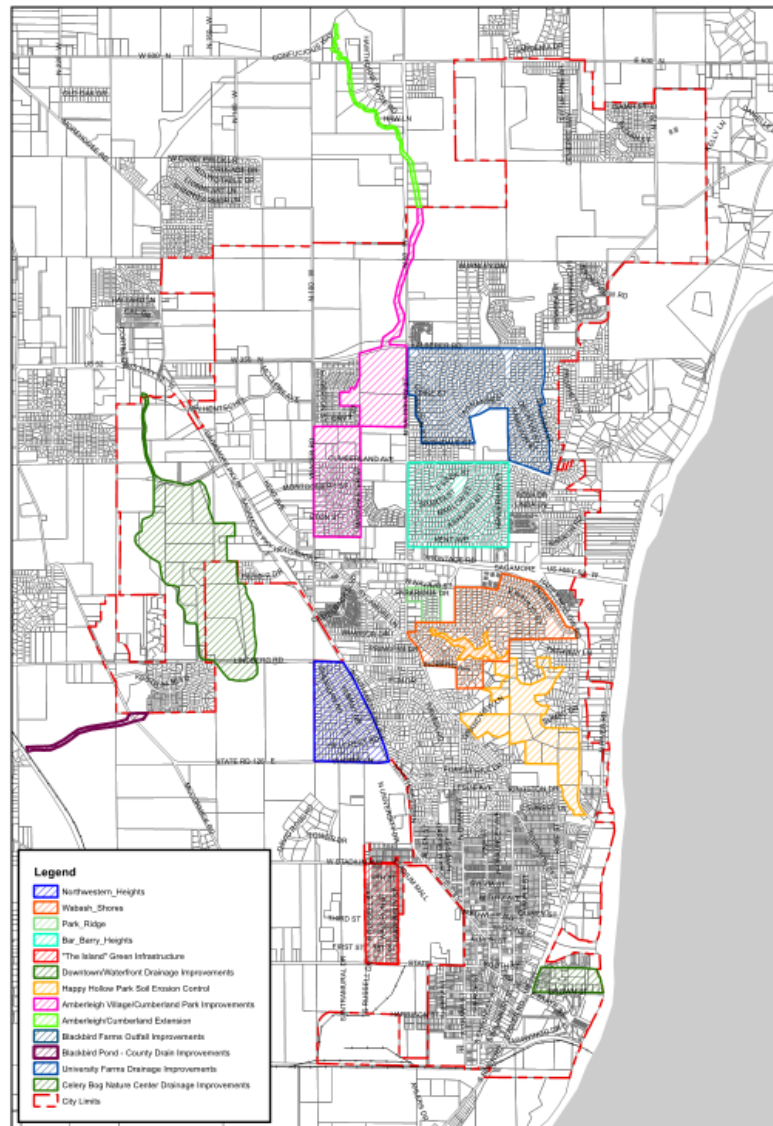
## Annual City-Wide Projects

- Mainly complaint driven
- Perpetual problems that can be solved with minimal design & funds
- Additional projects added yearly as they are encountered



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### Legend

-  Northwestern\_Heights
-  Wabash\_Shores
-  Park\_Ridge
-  Bar\_Barry\_Heights
-  "The Island" Green Infrastructure
-  Downtown/Waterfront Drainage Improvements
-  Happy Hollow Park Soil Erosion Control
-  Amberleigh Village/Cumberland Park Improvements
-  Amberleigh/Cumberland Extension
-  Blackbird Farms Outfall Improvements
-  Blackbird Pond - County Drain Improvements
-  University Farms Drainage Improvements
-  Celery Bog Nature Center Drainage Improvements
-  City Limits





## Proposed Schedule for Implementation

- Ordinance currently being prepared with proposed rate and billing language
- Outreach for top rate payers being prepared
- Public open house event being planned and scheduled
- Propose to implement new rate January 2014



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**Questions?**

